

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the above-amendment and the following remarks. Claims 3-6, 7, 10-12, 14, 17-19 and 21-24 remain pending herein. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 6 has been amended to change its dependency to claim 3.

At the outset, Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 3-5, 7, 10-12, 14, 17-19 and 21-24 are allowed.


Claims 1, 8, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nelson *et al.* (U.S. Pat. Appln. Pub. No. 2003/0060224) (herein after "Nelson") in view of Baker (U.S. Pat. Appln. Pub. No. 2002/0094834). Claims 2, 6, 9, 13, 16 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nelson in view of Baker and in view of Chen *et al.* (U.S. Pat. Appln. Pub. 2003/0134655) ("herein after "Chen").

Applicant respectfully submits that the cancellation of the above-identified claims without prejudice, and the changed dependency of claim 6, places all of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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